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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re/ Application of C. Icard-Liepkalns, J. Mallet,
and P. Ravassard
Application No. 09/595,947
Filed June 16, 2000

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Polypeptides of the "Basic-Loop-Helix" bHLH
Family, Corresponding Nucleic Acid Sequences

(Attorney Docket No. P26,952 USA)

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Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the term to respond to the final Office Action, dated October 18, 2004, be extended three months, from January 18, 2005 to April 18, 2005.

USPTO Form 2038 is attached in the amount of \$1,020 in payment of the fees.

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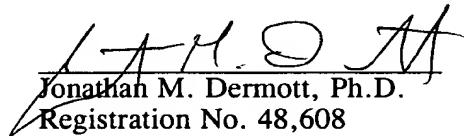
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 19-5425. A duplicate of this letter is attached.

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